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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARKMAN BIOLOGICS CORP. and ALAN
SHINDERMAN,

Defendant,

and

ASPEN ASSET MANAGEMENT
SERVICES, LLC

Relief Defendant

Case No.: 2:23-cv-00288-APG-DJA

**REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR
DEFENDANT ALAN SHINDERMAN**

There is no opposition that counsel has suffered an unreasonable financial burden and that good cause exists to grant the motion to withdraw. The SEC does not dispute counsel's representations in his declaration attached to the Motion to Withdraw (ECF No. 105) that the continued representation of Shinderman will result in a significant financial burden to counsel. The lack of payment and resulting financial hardship was acknowledged by Shinderman before co-counsel withdraw (ECF No. 93) and prior to the dispositive motion deadline. Nonetheless, counsel expended additional time and resources responding to the motion for summary judgment

1 exacerbating counsel's financial burden.

2 The SEC also overlooks the fact that Shinderman consented to counsel's withdrawal.
 3 Instead, the SEC seeks to tie counsel's withdrawal to a future date which presumes the court will
 4 schedule a hearing. Regardless of whether a hearing is set on the motion for summary judgment,
 5 this Court presumably would give Shinderman two weeks or more after granting the instant
 6 motion to hire alternative counsel or represent himself. This brief delay does not result in an
 7 "undue" delay to the prejudice of the SEC. The SEC speculates that "withdrawal *would* likely
 8 cause delays" but does not present any evidence to support this claim. Nonetheless, even if the
 9 instant motion would result in a delay of the summary judgment hearing, such delay does not
 10 preclude withdrawal upon a showing of "good cause." *See* LR IA 11-6(e).¹

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 12 Likewise, the SEC's desire to force counsel to remain on the case until a hearing is
 13 scheduled - which may never occur - does not outweigh the unreasonable financial burden
 14 suffered by counsel.² (ECF No. 107 at 1). As a governmental agency, the SEC may not
 15 appreciate how a financial hardship affects a solo practitioner's business - which is anything but
 16 a "potential inconvenience." (ECF No. 107 at 2). The accumulating balance, coupled with the
 17 ongoing fees and expenses, has been, and continues to be, a significant financial burden to
 18 counsel. A brief delay in scheduling a hearing (if that happens) does not substantially outweigh
 19 the unreasonable financial burden suffered by counsel or any prejudice the SEC claims may
 20 result.
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 24 ¹ Importantly, courts have found that a party's failure to honor financial obligations satisfied the "good
 25 cause" requirement. *See, e.g., Krogstad v. Nationwide Biweekly Admin., Inc.*, No. 216CV00465APGCWH, 2019 WL 3936388, at *2 (D. Nev. Aug. 19, 2019); *NAC Found., LLC v. Jodoin*,
 26 No. 216CV01039GMNVCF, 2017 WL 9771836 (D. Nev. Nov. 14, 2017), report and recommendation
 adopted, No. 216CV01039GMNVCF, 2018 WL 10456274 (D. Nev. Apr. 2, 2018); *Vahora v. Valley*
Diagnostics Lab'y Inc., No. 1:16-CV-01624-SKO, 2018 WL Case 2:23-cv-00288-APG-DJA.

27 ² There is no support for this contention especially given that the SEC previously stipulated to two 60-day
 28 extensions during discovery which did not unduly delay this litigation. (ECF No. 107 at 2).

1 As such, good cause exists to grant the Motion on this basis alone, notwithstanding any
2 delay that may or may not result.

3 DATED this 15th day of July 2025.
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12 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

13 The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 15th day of July 2025, a true and correct copy
14 of the foregoing Reply in Support of Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for Defendant Alan
15 Shinderman was served by using the CM/ECF system.
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17 /s/ Tiffanie Johannes
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